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SUBJECT: FUNDING FOR SECURITY MEASURES AT AMERICAN
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

1. AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL HAS BEEN REQUESTED BY
ISRAELI POLICE AUTHORITIES TO COMPLY WITH REGULATIONS RE-
QUIRING ALL SCHOOLS TO BE ENCLOSED BY SECURITY FENCE AND TO
ESTABLISH SYSTEM OF GUARDING ENTRANCES AS MEASURES TO DETER
TERRORIST ATTACKS, AND PARTICULARLY PLACING OF EXPLOSIVE DEVICES.

2. EMBASSY AND SCHOOL BOARD STRONGLY SUPPORT ADEQUATE SECURITY
MEASURES AT SCHOOL. MAIN PROBLEM IS FUNDING. SCHOOL OPERATING
ON DEFICIT BUDGET. ONLY CASH RESERVE IS BUILDING FUND. SCHOOL
ALREADY HAS BORROWED SUBSTANTIAL MONEY FROM BUILDING FUND TO
COVER OPERATING DEFICITS AND TO FINANCE MAJOR ESSENTIAL STRUC-
TURAL RENOVATIONS, FURTHER USE OF BUILDING FUND MAY BE REQUIRED
FOR THESE PURPOSES. ADDITIONAL DIVERSION OF BUILDING FUND FOR
SECURITY PURPOSES CERTAINLY NOT DESIRABLE. WHILE TUITION AT
SCHOOL WILL BE RAISED NEXT YEAR, DUE TO ESCALATING COSTS HERE
TUITION INCREASE MAY BARELY COVER OPERATING COSTS.

3. ACCORDINGLY EMBASSY REQUESTS DEPARTMENT FUNDING NOT TO
EXCEED \$23,000 TO COVER COST OF SECURITY FENCING (\$15,000),
IMPROVING PERIMETER NIGHT LIGHTING URGED BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES
PATROLLING SCHOOL AREA AT NIGHT (\$2,000). AND PART-TIME EMPLOY-
MENT OF GUARDS (\$6,000-THRU 6/30/74). (WHILE SCHOOL PLANS TO
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USE VOLUNTEER PARENTS FOR GUARDING ENTRANCES DURING SCHOOL

HOURS, THIS MAY NOT BE FEASIBLE FOR AFTER-HOUR AND WEEKEND ACTIVITIES AT SCHOOL, DURING WHICH TIME SCHOOL MAY HAVE TO PAY FOR GUARD SERVICE).

4. URGENT REPLY NECESSARY SO THAT SCHOOL MAY PROCEED IMMEDIATELY TO IMPLEMENT SECURITY PROGRAM WITH ASSURANCE THAT REASONABLE COSTS WILL BE COVERED BY DEPARTMENT.

5. (GOI MINISTRY OF EDUCATION IS FINANCING SECURITY FENCING ONLY FOR SCHOOLS NEAR BORDERS. OTHERWISE LOCAL AUTHORITIES FINANCE FENCING OF SCHOOLS WITHIN THEIR JURISDICTIONS. AS PRIVATE SCHOOL, AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL IS RESPONSIBLE FOR COSTS OF FENCING AND OTHER SECURITY MEASURES.)

6. DEPARTMENT PLEASE BRING THIS MESSAGE TO ATTENTION OF DCM NICHOLAS A. VELIOTES, NOW IN DEPARTMENT, WHO CAN BE REACHED THROUGH NEA/IAL.
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